

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

GORDON SCHIFF and,  
CELESTE ROYCE,  
Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No. 1:25-CV-10595-LTS

U.S. OFFICE OF PERSONNEL  
MANAGEMENT,  
CHARLES EZELL, in his official capacity as  
Acting Director of the U.S. Office of  
Personnel Management,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &  
HUMAN SERVICES,  
ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR., in his official  
capacity as Secretary of Health and Human  
Services,  
AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH  
AND QUALITY, and  
MAMATHA S. PANCHOLI, in her official  
capacity as Acting Director of the Agency for  
Healthcare Research and Quality,

Defendants.

**DEFENDANTS' ASSENTED-TO MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**

Defendants, by and through undersigned counsel, and hereby move this Honorable Court for an extension of time of 21 days, up to and including February 20, 2026, to file the Administrative Record, which is currently due on January 30, 2026.

As reason therefor, Defendants state that the parties are very close to resolving this case. The additional time is needed to finalize the settlement agreement and obtain all necessary approvals. The parties are working toward resolving this matter prior to the next court deadline, which is the date that the Administrative Record is due.

Likewise, Plaintiffs assent to this motion.

Considering the above, the undersigned counsel respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an additional 21 days up to and including February 20, 2026, for the Defendants to file an Administrative Record in this case.

**LOCAL RULE 7.1(a)(2) CERTIFICATION**

I, Shawna Yen, Assistant United States Attorney certify that, I emailed Plaintiffs' counsel on January 29, 2026, seeking their position on this Motion. Plaintiffs assent to the Motion.

Dated: January 29, 2026

By: /s/ Shawna Yen  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Shawna Yen, Assistant United States Attorney, hereby certify that this document filed through the ECF system will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) and paper copies will be sent to those indicated as non-registered participants.

Dated: January 29, 2026

By: /s/ Shawna Yen  
Shawna Yen  
Assistant United States Attorney